

# Minutes of the eclipse.org Board Meeting November 29th, 2001

The first meeting of the eclipse.org Board was held at 0930 CST on Thurs Nov 29, 2001, at Chicago - O'Hare Airport, American Airlines Admiral's Club, Executive Meeting Facility.

The following are the minutes of this meeting.

## **Stewards in Attendance:**

Bernstein, Dave	Rational	
Dodge, Dan	QNX	
Geck, Juergen	SuSE	
Nackman, Lee	IBM	
Nolen, Thor	Red Hat	(on behalf of Tiemann, Michael)
Olson, Tod	TogetherSoft	
Weiss, Andrew	Merant	

## **Meeting Objectives:**

1. Introduce and form eclipse.org, eclipse.org Board, and authorize the building of the eclipse community;
2. Discuss and decide on eclipse.org Board business, technical, and marketing issues and policy;
3. Announce the formation of the eclipse.org Board via a WebCast; and
4. Informal information exchange among members.

## **Meeting Agenda:**

- 1) Board Introductions;
- 2) Establish Meeting Objectives;
- 3) Business & Organization:
  - Form eclipse.org;
  - Adoption of Membership Agreement;
  - Adoption of By-laws;
  - Selection of founding member organizations;
  - Selection of voting members of the eclipse.org Board (Stewards);
  - Selection of Associate Members;
  - Selection of officers;
  - Creation of Executive Committee; and
  - Definition of roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee.
- 4) Technical:
  - Form PMC's and review technical plans;
  - Create Eclipse Project PMC, Approve Charter, review plans and appoint leader;
  - Create Eclipse Tools PMC, Approve Charter, review plans and appoint leader; and
  - Steward requirements, issues and questions.
- 5) Marketing:
  - eclipse.org press review;
  - eclipse.org analysts review;
  - eclipse.org launch review;
  - Member organizations and eclipse.org cross linkage;
- 6) WebCast: Announcement and launch the formation of eclipse.org; and

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7) Informal information exchange.

## **Organizational Issues**

### **Adoption of Membership Agreement**

The Board approved the eclipse.org Membership Agreement. The eclipse.org Membership Agreement is provided at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Adoption of By-laws**

The Board approved the By-laws for eclipse.org. The eclipse.org By-laws are provided at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Selection of founding member organizations**

The following organizations were approved for membership in the eclipse.org Board: Borland, IBM, Merant, QNX, Rational, Red Hat, SuSE, TogetherSoft, and WebGain. The list of eclipse.org Member Organizations is provided at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Discussion of the Roles and Responsibilities of Members**

The eclipse.org Board discussed and agreed that the following represented the roles and responsibilities of the eclipse.org Board members. The duties and responsibilities are defined in By-laws and Membership Agreement as published on [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org).

### **Selection of voting members of the eclipse.org Board (Stewards)**

The following individuals were approved as Stewards and voting members of eclipse.org Board:

<b>Member Organization</b>	<b>Steward</b>
Borland	Simon Thornhill
IBM	Lee Nackman
Merant	Andrew Weiss
QNX	Dan Dodge
Rational	Dave Bernstein
Red Hat	Michael Tiemann
TogetherSoft	Todd Olson
SuSE	Juergen Geck
WebGain	Earl Stahl

The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Academic Associate Member of the eclipse.org Board**

An associate non-voting member of the eclipse.org Board representing the academic community was created. Dr. Brian Barry was appointed to serve in that capacity. The duties and responsibilities of the Associate Member are defined in By-laws and Membership Agreement as published on [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

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## **Industry Associate Member of the eclipse.org Board**

The eclipse.org Board requested the Executive Committee review and recommend the appropriate roles, responsibilities, and representation of an Industry Associate Member to the eclipse.org Board. This membership might include analysts, user groups, open source experts, and individuals with specialized skills or background. The eclipse.org Board is very interested in creating a bi-directional information flow between eclipse.org and the industry. The Chairperson is to report back to the board at the 1Q02 eclipse.org Board Meeting. Linda Campbell of QNX will be responsible for this work item.

## **Creation of Chairperson Position**

The eclipse.org Board decided to create a non-voting board officer to serve as Chairperson. The duties and responsibilities are defined in By-laws and Membership Agreement as published on [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

## **Appointment of Chairperson**

The eclipse.org Board decided to appoint Skip McGaughey as Chairperson. The Steward vote was unanimous.

## **Creation of Secretary Position**

The eclipse.org Board decided to create a non-voting board officer to serve as Secretary. The duties and responsibilities are defined in By-laws and Membership Agreement as published on [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

## **Appointment of Secretary**

The eclipse.org Board asked the Chairperson to nominate a person to serve as Secretary to the Board. This recommendation should be made to the Board at the next Board 1Q02 meeting.

## **Discussion and definition of the roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee**

The eclipse.org Board decided to define the following roles and responsibilities of the executive committee.

- Represent interest & responsibilities of Steward
- Serve at pleasure of Steward
- Responsible for day-to-day operations of eclipse.org
- Formulate recommendations to the Board
  - Formulate consensus
  - Conflict & issue resolution
- Serve as primary interface into member organization
  - Coordination, communication, and control of the following eclipse.org activities within member organization:
    - § Marketing
    - § PR
    - § Launch
    - § Analysts Relations
- Create a forum for dialogue where the community and PMC need outside assistance

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## **Creation of eclipse.org Executive Committee**

The eclipse.org Board decided to create an Executive Committee. The membership of the executive committee will include: one representative appointed by each Steward, PMC leaders, and the eclipse.org Board Chairperson. The duties and responsibilities of the eclipse.org Executive Committee are defined in By-laws and Membership Agreement as published on [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

## **Project Issues:**

### **Establish Eclipse Project PMC, approval of charter**

The eclipse.org Board approved the Eclipse Project Charter. This charter is provided at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Election of Eclipse Project PMC Leader**

The eclipse.org Board appointed Dave Thomson to serve as the PMC Lead for the Eclipse Project. The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Establish Eclipse Tools Project PMC, approval of charter**

The eclipse.org Board approved the Eclipse Tools Project Charter. This charter is provided at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org). The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Election of Eclipse Tools Project PMC Leader**

The eclipse.org Board appointed John Duimovich to serve as the Eclipse Tools Project PMC Leader. The Steward vote was unanimous.

### **Discussion of the Eclipse Tools Project**

The eclipse.org Board asked the Eclipse Tools Project PMC Leader to create and provide an eclipse based C/C++ tool IDE as a high priority and to report back to the eclipse.org Board at the 1Q02 meeting the progress and plan for the eclipse based C/C++ tool IDE.

### **Quarter-by-quarter technical plan for eclipse.org projects**

The eclipse.org Board decided to review eclipse.org technical plans and progress on a quarter-by-quarter basis. The PMC leaders have been asked to communicate to the Board each quarter the following:

- Pressures
  - Business
  - Market
  - Technical
- Deliverables and Plans
- Resource prioritization
- Dependencies
- What has been added since last review
- What has been deleted since last review
- Schedules

The Executive Committee should decide the format for this review.

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## **Steward technical requirements, issues, and questions**

The eclipse.org Board asked the Chairperson to organize each Board meeting to include:

- A topic to discuss requirements, issues and technical questions that the Stewards have concerning the PMC plans and community activity; and
- A topic for each Steward to present to the other Stewards the member organization plans and technical direction.

## **Establishment of eclipse.org Research PMC**

The eclipse.org Board approved in principle the creation of a Research PMC. Dr. Brian Barry was asked to develop a concrete proposal, documentation, charter, list of projects and membership roles & responsibilities for review and approval by the eclipse.org Board for the next Board meeting.

## **Support of Eclipse Platform and Tools**

The eclipse.org Board discussed and asked the PMC Leaders of the Eclipse Platform Project and the Eclipse Tools Project to:

- Understand the service and support requirements of the member organizations;
- Define a written proposal to the eclipse.org Board at the next Board Meeting;
- This proposal to include a definition of different levels of service / support, the policies and practices of fixing back level code, the policies and practices for testing Eclipse Platform and Eclipse Tools, the feasibility of doing automated testing, and the experiences of other open source communities; and
- Review this proposal with SuSE, Rational, and Red Hat before it is presented at the next Board Meeting.

## **Poll of Stewards to determine member wants and needs**

The eclipse.org Board asked the Chairperson to conduct an informal survey of the wants and needs of each member organization, Steward, and the Executive Committee Member pertaining to eclipse.org. The Chairperson is to track this on a quarter-by-quarter basis and report back to each respective Steward on the progress.

## **Formation of a legal advisory team**

The eclipse.org Board asked the Chairperson to create a legal advisory team. Each Steward has the opportunity to designate a legal representative to advise the Executive Committee and eclipse.org Board concerning legal issues with the scope to include: Intellectual Property, structure, code acceptance and inclusion, licensing, trademarks, copyrights, and liability.

## **Membership Application Process and Strategy for Growth**

The eclipse.org Board directed the Chairperson and the Executive Committee to propose at the next Board meeting: a membership application process; a strategy for the growth of eclipse.org; and a set of criteria to measure the success of the application process and growth strategy.

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## **Announcement of eclipse.org by the eclipse.org Board:**

The eclipse.org Board announced the creation of eclipse.org via a WebCast hosted by YAHOO.COM.

WebCast Host, Andrew Weiss

Overview Presentation, Dave Bernstein

Steward Presentations:

SuSE, Jeurgan Geck

QNX, Dan Dodge

TogetherSoft, Todd Olson

IBM, Lee Nackman

Rational, Dave Bernstein

Merant, Andrew Weiss

Other Stewards were introduced including

Red Hat, Michael Tiemann

Borland, Simon Thornhill

WebGain, Earl Stahl

The WebCast is available at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org) through the month of February 2002.

The presentations are available at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org).

The eclipse.org press release is available at [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org).

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting ended at 1645 Central time.



# eclipse.org formation

the open community driving the eclipse platform

## Press release

# Eclipse.org Consortium Forms to Deliver New Era Application Development Tools

- Industry Leaders Join to Form Initial Board
- Broad Commercial Support For Open Source Development Tools
- Common Public License Delivers Royalty Free Source Code

Chicago—Nov. 29, 2001—Borland, IBM, Merant, QNX Software Systems, Rational Software, RedHat, SuSE, and TogetherSoft today announced the formation of Eclipse.org, an open consortium of providers of development tools that manages the Eclipse Platform, which is being made available in open source under the Common Public License<sup>1</sup>. These companies, each of which plans to release Eclipse Platform compatible product offerings, form the initial Eclipse.org board of directors. The bylaws and operating principles of the organization are published at <http://www.eclipse.org>.

The Eclipse Platform is a new open source environment for creating, integrating and deploying application development tools for use across a broad range of computing technology. It provides a common set of services and establishes the framework, infrastructure and interactive workbench used by project developers to build application software and related elements. Through the Eclipse Platform, seamless integration of tools from several different vendors will be possible on Windows™, Linux® and QNX® developer workstations.

The Eclipse Platform provides source code building blocks, plug-in frameworks and running examples that facilitate application tools development. A complete sample plug-in based integrated development environment for creating Java applications (JDT) is included. Code access and use is controlled through the Common Public License<sup>1</sup> allows individuals to create derivative works with worldwide re-distribution rights that are royalty free.

As with other open source communities, Eclipse.org brings together the broad participation needed to establish, refine and promote high-quality shared software technology. By taking advantage of common Eclipse Platform services, software tools developers are free to focus on their domains of expertise. Since the platform became available for download on November 7<sup>th</sup>, an average of more than 4,000 downloads have been logged daily.

The Eclipse Platform can be used to create and manage diverse objects like web site elements, process automation definitions, object models, image files, C++ programs, pervasive enterprise class Java™ applications and embedded technology. Written in the Java language, it comes with plug-in construction toolkits and examples, including a fully operational Java application development tools package. The platform implements a mechanism that discovers, loads and integrates the plug-ins developers need for manipulating and sharing project resources. When the Eclipse Platform is launched, the user is presented with a workbench-based integrated development environment composed of the user interfaces of available plug-ins.

"In the Eclipse environment everything is a plug-in. The Java IDE doesn't have a special status and is just another set of plug-ins. This demonstrates the seamless extensibility of the platform. Turning the Eclipse Platform over to an open source initiative enables all tool builders to contribute new plug-ins and also help improve the existing platform," said **Erich Gamma**, technical director of **Object Technology International's** Zurich lab and a member of the team that built the JDT plug-ins distributed with the Eclipse Platform.

***From Industry Leaders Serving on the Eclipse.org Board:***

"**Borland** is pleased to be a founding board member of the Eclipse.org consortium, and looks forward to working with other industry leaders to establish open standards," said **Simon Thornhill**, VP and GM of rapid application development solutions for Borland Software Corporation. "Our involvement with Eclipse further exemplifies our continued commitment to enable enterprises of all sizes to develop, deploy and integrate next-generation software solutions."

"**IBM** is very proud to be helping make Eclipse.org a level and open effort, supported by a large number of leading commercial tool developers," said **Lee R. Nackman**, vice president, Application Development Tools, Application and Integration Middleware Division, IBM Software Group. "We look forward to benefits across the entire computing industry as powerful tools from so many companies inter-operate and deliver improvements to the project development process itself. We are committed to using the Eclipse Platform as the foundation for strategic IBM application development products."

"We're very impressed by the power and flexibility of the Eclipse Platform," said **Andrew Weiss**, **MERANT** chief technology officer. "As a founding member of the board of directors for the open Eclipse.org consortium, we are committed to providing MERANT's current and potential customers with plug-ins to extend and complement Eclipse with familiar solutions like PVCS, our software configuration management and web and content management technologies."

"Embedded developers need an extraordinary range of tools, but to be truly productive, they need tools that can work together in a seamless, intuitive fashion," said **Dan Dodge**, president and CTO of **QNX Software Systems Ltd.** "With the Eclipse Platform, it's now much easier for developers and tool vendors to integrate their rich toolsets into a cohesive whole. At QNX Software Systems, we're proud to serve as a founding member of the Eclipse.org consortium and are dedicated to its vision of making embedded development more productive through inter-operable tools."

"**Rational Software** has been an early adopter of the Eclipse platform because we believe it delivers high value to software teams," said **Dave Bernstein**, senior vice president of Products for Rational Software. "We've been working closely with IBM to integrate our products with Eclipse to ultimately provide a single, integrated user experience for developers and other practitioners on a software team."

"As the open source community grows, we need open source development tools that meet the needs of more and more developers," said **Michael Tiemann**, CTO of **Red Hat**. "We are pleased to be taking a leadership position with Eclipse.org, not only to help put better tools in the hands of developers, but to help developers use the open source model to ultimately create better tools."

**Juergen Geck** of **SuSE Linux AG** commented: "The success of Linux and the Open Source computing model has changed the IT landscape. As this change matures, we see new open systems that extend the power of open development. SuSE is proud to be an active part in the evolution of the Eclipse Platform with its excellent capabilities for developing applications for middleware, such as database and groupware systems."

"**TogetherSoft's** mission of 'improving the ways people work together' is certainly embraced in the spirit of the Eclipse Platform," said **Todd Olson**, TogetherSoft's vice president of Together Products. "TogetherSoft is committed to supporting new technologies that benefit our customers. We welcome the opportunity to help shape and enhance them by leveraging our strong experience building software for software developers."

Full details of the Eclipse.org consortium and the design of the Eclipse Platform are available at <http://www.eclipse.org>.

## About Eclipse.org

Eclipse.org is an open consortium of software development tool vendors that has formed the core of a community interested in collaborating to create better development environments and product integration. The community shares an interest in creating products that are inter-operable in an easy to use way based upon plug-in technology. By collaborating and sharing core integration technology, tool vendors can concentrate on their areas of expertise and the creation of new development technology.



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